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The Largest Harvey-Related Oil Spill Went Unknown for Weeks

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On August 31, floodwaters from Hurricane Harvey triggered an oil spill at a Magellan Midstream Partners facility near the Houston suburb Galena Park. According to the Houston Chronicle, when workers first noticed gasoline leaking from two fuel tanks, they evacuated the area, called 911, and notified federal and state agencies of the spill. A statement by Magellan on September 1 states that “clean-up work and inspections continue at the partnership’s Galena Park marine facility, but a restart timetable is not yet available,” but makes no mention of the size of the leak.

Opinion: Hurricanes sent message

http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20170917_Hurricanes_sent_message.html

If the devastation to Texas and Florida by two historic hurricanes won't get President Trump's pollution-enabling head of the Environmental Protection Agency to acknowledge climate change, perhaps nothing will. But the rest of the nation can't wait for him to grasp reality.

Oil and chemical spills from Hurricane Harvey big, but dwarfed by Katrina

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/business/2017/sep/17/oil-and-chemical-spills-from-hurricane-harvey-big-but-dwarfed-by-katrina-1658660.html>

More than 22,000 barrels of oil, refined fuels and chemicals spilled at sites across Texas in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, along with millions of cubic feet of natural gas and hundreds of tons of other toxic substances, a Reuters review of company reports to the U.S. Coast Guard shows.

The spills, clustered around the heart of the U.S. oil industry, together rank among the worst environmental mishaps in the country in years, but fall far short of the roughly 190,000 barrels spilled in Louisiana in 2005 after Hurricane Katrina - the last major storm to take dead aim at the U.S. Gulf Coast.

EPA chief: Expect final decision on waste pits before Oct. 14

http://baytownsun.com/news/article_23223c02-9b4d-11e7-9e8f-9bb1a487d6cf.html

On Friday morning, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt made a surprise visit to the San Jacinto River Waste Pits and vowed that the EPA would have a permanent solution for the site before the University of Texas and Oklahoma University football game on Oct. 14.

Pruitt, along with Acting Regional Administrator for Region 6 Samuel Coleman, Chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Bryan Shaw, and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials, was out at the site.

EPA stops work on airline emissions standards

<https://summitcountyvoice.com/2017/09/17/epa-stops-work-on-airline-emissions-standards/>

A little more than a year after determining that greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft are a threat to public health, the EPA has stopped working on developing new standards for the air industry. That’s not surprising, given that the Trump administration has sought to undermine nearly every rule set to limit heat-trapping pollution, but environmental advocates with the Center for Biological Diversity want to know more about the latest step backward by the EPA.